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TWO SCORE FRENCH-BRITISH WAR VESSELS MASS TO FORCE WAY THROUGH MINE FIELD AND LINE OF FORTS

SHORT SESSION
ON TOMORROW
IS DUE TO BE
FULL OF ACTION

Need for Economy Because of
War, Democratic Insurgency,
and Wilson's Program
May Bring Clash.

Demand for Adequate Military
Preparedness Bound to Be
Carried on in Both Houses,
Say Observers.

FOUR LIVES LOST IN \$500,000 FIRE

ARDSLEY, N. Y., Dec. 6.—Four lives were lost, sixty families made homeless, and half a million dollars' worth of property destroyed in a fire in the O. F. Henery buildings here today.

The postoffice, a garage, and several stores adjoining were destroyed.

John Kelly, chief of the fire department, summoned aid from Dobbs Ferry, Hastings-on-the-Hudson, White Plains, Tarrytown, and Yonkers. A dozen engines responded and for hours fought the flames.

Among the companies responding was the famous "millionaires" fire company, from Hastings.

TROOPS TO LEAVE MEXICAN BORDER

Alliance Between Villa and Zapata Make Administration
Feel Safe About North Zone.

Believing that the alliance between Villa and Zapata and their control of the situation in northern Mexico, as well as in Mexico City, removes the necessity for a large patrol of American troops on the Mexican border, the War Department has decided to withdraw a large part of the troops now stationed in Texas, Arizona, and New Mexico.

Information to this effect in private advices from the Texas border reached Washington today. War Department officials when questioned said they were not prepared to announce their plans. Border advisers, however, declared that officers on the border had been advised to be ready to return parts of their commands to their usual stations before Christmas.

Orozco Is Feared.

This development, coupled with reports of the new revolutionary outbreak in interior Mexico headed by Jose Inez Salazar, and aided by Pascual Orozco, who is now in New York endeavoring to buy arms and ammunition, were the only advices received in Washington today bearing on the complicated Mexican situation.

Anxiety was caused by the breakdown in communication with Mexico City. Nothing has been heard from Silliman or Carranza since Friday. This is taken as an indication that in destroying rail communication between Vera Cruz and Mexico City, Carranza also destroyed the communication. That the cable between Vera Cruz and this country has not been tampered with is indicated by the receipt of a dispatch from that port today dealing with the return of Carranza from a six-day trip into the interior.

While not advised of the War Department's intention of following its evacuation of Vera Cruz by withdrawing troops from the border, a high official, who expressed a disinclination to be quoted, said this feature.

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New Ruling Affects Non-Resident Motorists

In the future all non-resident automobilists held for violation of law or traffic regulations will have to go to a police station and deposit collateral before they can proceed.

A new ruling to the effect has been made by Major Sylvester, following complaint that out-of-town men took advantage of the system whereby an offender was merely notified to appear in court.

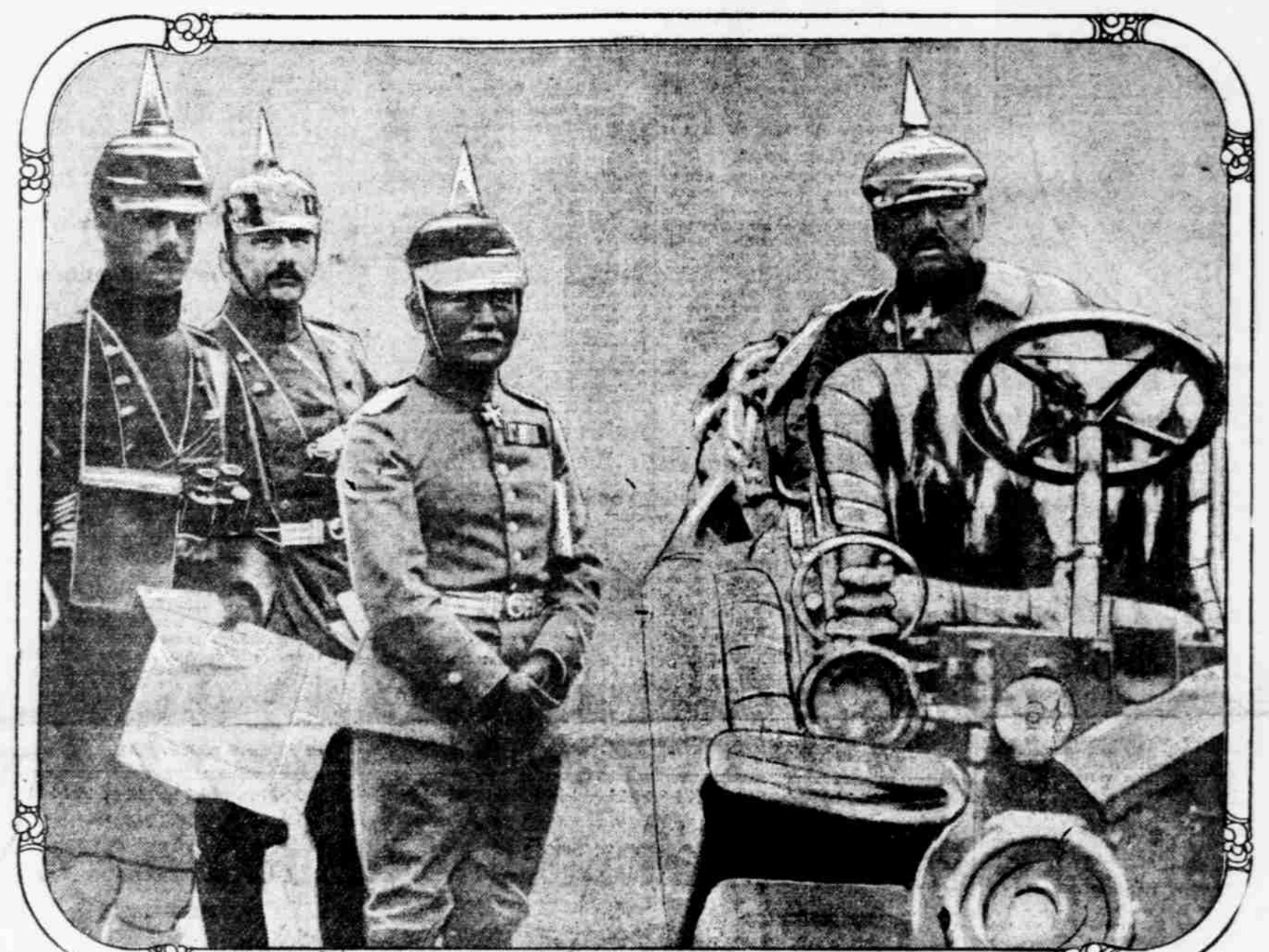
Changes Made in the Reclamation Service

Frederick H. Newell has been removed from the post of Director of the Reclamation Service by order of Secretary of the Interior Lane, but will continue in the service as a consulting engineer. Arthur P. Davis, chief engineer, has been named to succeed him.

Secretary Bryan Awaits Governor Hunt's Advice

Secretary of State Bryan today awaited official advice from Governor Hunt, of Arizona, prohibiting the suspension of Arizona's anti-labor employment law before taking further action of the British and Italian governments. Private advices from Phoenix, Ariz., declared that to Governor Hunt would postpone proclamation of the law until the diplomatic objections had been considered.

COMMANDER OF THE GERMAN RIGHT WING



This photograph of General Von Kluck seated in his automobile, was taken just before he sent his army into battle. He is on a tour of inspection, and is giving his field officers his final orders. He and some of the officers about him are wearing cloth coverings over their polished helmets, so they will not make a shining target for the enemy's sharpshooters.

"STEEPLEJACK" CUTS COLORED ASSAILANT

Death Probable Consequence of
Quarrel Over Alleged Debt
of \$1.50.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 6.—Attacked for an infuriated colored man, who had forced an entrance to his home this morning to collect an alleged debt, King W. Agnew, recently-seventy years old, a stately-looking, proboscis-like, wounded his assailant with a penknife.

The fight took place in the home of Agnew, at 15 East Center street. Arthur Van Story, the colored man, was employed by Agnew as a helper in his steeple-jacking work. This morning Van Story called at Agnew's home to collect \$1.50 that he claimed the "steeple-jack" owed him.

Agnew and his wife and four-month-old baby were in bed when Van Story entered the house and a quarrel quickly ensued over the bill, when, according to Agnew, the colored man threw a stone at them that struck Mrs. Agnew in the breast and fell on the head of the sleeping infant. It was then that Agnew seized a penknife and cut Van Story. Agnew surrendered to the police.

Little Chance Is Seen For Cotton Legislation

Little chance is seen for legislation to aid the cotton producers in 1915 by Senator Hoke Smith, of Georgia. He led a filibuster for such legislation last session, but has no hope of obtaining it this session.

Routs Two Burglars.

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—While his employer, Ignatz Gels, hid in the ice box with the week's receipts from his butcher shop at 121 Longwood avenue, the Bronx, Philip Hoff fought two armed burglars.

German Abandon Drive Upon Calais

Slowly Retreat Upon Second Line of Defenses as Allies Press Offensive in Flanders and in Vicinity of Metz.

PARIS, Dec. 6.—With their hope of gaining Calais, the third great German objective of the war abandoned, the forces of the Kaiser today are slowly but surely falling back, and are being pressed by the advancing armies of the allies.

All reports from the front and dispatches from Rotterdam and other points indicate that plans are all made for the German retirement. While the invaders' forces along the Yser are known to have been re-enforced it is believed that it was done merely as a feint and the lessening of the former powerful offensive appears to presage an early withdrawal to the new lines of defense.

NEW LINE OF DEFENSE PREPARED.

The Germans are reported to have built long lines of trenches practically across Belgium. These are of concrete and veritable fortresses. A brilliant and dazzling offensive movement by French and British troops has resulted in the Germans being driven back all along the front from Dixmude to the Yser.

Charging from trenches in which they had lain for days awaiting the call to action, the allies dashed to meet the invaders, and fell upon the first line of German earthworks, swarming up and into it, in the face of a terrific fire. The German resistance was vain. The trenches were filled with the dead and dying, but the allies swept over them and were not stopped until the second line of intrenchments had been taken. The total advance was 20 yards.

This is the story told today in the latest of the official reports issued by the French war office.

DENIES SHE SOUGHT TARGET FOR PISTOL

Mrs. Mendenhall, Arrested at
Husband's Demand, to Fight
Prosecution.

Determined to fight prosecution on the charge of carrying concealed weapons, brought against her by her husband, C. R. Mendenhall, a division chief in the Department of Justice, Mrs. Mabel W. Mendenhall is prepared to appear in Police Court tomorrow morning, according to the declaration of J. H. Hilberry, her counsel.

Mrs. Mendenhall was arrested yesterday by Park Police men Hennessy and Bell, upon complaint of her husband. Mendenhall and wife had met in front of the Frenchick apartment house, in 1 street, near Fourteenth, when Mr. Mendenhall discovered that his wife had a revolver in her handbag. He called the police.

The weapon was not loaded and Mrs. Mendenhall had no cartridges. A pistol, which she was carrying the weapon from one friend to another, according to the statement of Mr. Hilberry.

Storm Prevents Wilson Leaving the White House

President Wilson was kept at home by the storm today and did not leave the White House. He will forgo his usual Sunday custom of taking a motor trip through the parks.

Your Christmas Outing.

THE LAST OF THE RHY—Chimney Mountains of Western North Carolina is the place to enjoy your holiday, out in the open. Golf, riding, mountain climbing and all outdoor sports provided. Invigorating climate. Extremely low fares. Through sleeping cars. Southern Railway. Ask agents for particulars, 705 15th St. and 905 F St. N. W. Phone Main 1212.—Advt.

DARDANELLES MAY BE SCENE OF MOMENTOUS OPERATIONS OF NAVIES

Censor Cuts Out Name of the Place Where
Battle Impends—Russian Armored
Motor Cars Inflict Heavy Losses on
Germans in Poland.

COPENHAGEN, Via London, Dec. 6.—That a great naval battle is impending, if not under way, is announced in a message from Berlin this morning.

The dispatch, which is semi-official, states "Forty French and British warships are gathered outside (name of place cut out by censor)."

"It is declared that the allied fleet evidently intends to force its way through. The territory is thickly strewn with mines and such an attempt seems impossible, as the fortifications have been greatly strengthened."

The above dispatch is believed to refer to an attempt of the allies to force the passage of the Dardanelles. The censor in cutting out the location of the massing of the war vessels makes it a matter of conjecture. The fact that the French vessels are taking part makes the theory that it refers to the Dardanelles the most plausible, as the French navy has been most active in the Mediterranean.

Another possible construction is that the fleet is planning a dash to destroy the German fleet at Kiel, but the fact that a great storm has been raging in the channel and in the North Sea for two days makes this appear unlikely.

The reference to the strengthening of the fortifications also is more applicable to the Turkish forts than to those at Kiel, which were placed in the highest state of preparation before the opening of the war.

Russian Cavalry Sweep Aside Teutons' Charges

an admiral's staggering losses in fighting with cold steel.

Winter Advantage to Slavs.

The Russian troops are declared to be in excellent condition, while the Germans are fast breaking under the hardships of fighting in the severe winter weather prevailing in Poland. In Prussia conditions now favor the Russians, as the swamp region is largely frozen over. The Russian lines are being held there, but there is evidently a disposition to withhold the development of this campaign pending definite assurances of a complete victory about Lodz and Lwow.

Command Rail Communication.

Reports received today declare that attempt of the Germans again to carry the fighting to the Russians and advance their lines has totally failed of its purpose. The invading forces are being kept constantly on the defensive, and only a supreme effort is preventing the success of the Russians in again piercing the German line between Lodz and Lwow.

Spy Caused Death of Five Hundred Frenchmen

LONDON, Dec. 6.—How 500 French troops were betrayed by a spy Tuesday is told in dispatches from Dunkirk. The French soldiers were sleeping in a church at Lampernisse. A spy in some way gained access to the belfry and displayed lights which notified the German artillery of the presence of the troops.

A bombardment immediately followed, and the exact range being known to the enemy, the sleeping men, before they could make their escape, were cut to pieces by exploding shells, which also set fire to the straw on which they had been lying.